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TRANSFORMERS: THE WAR WITHIN...

Cybertron, long before the Transformers came to Earth... civil war rages across the planet, the inhabitants divided into Autobots and Decepticons. But behind Megatron's overt show of force is a long-term strategy to turn the planet into a star-going Warworld. When Autobot leader Sentinel Prime is killed, the Matrix – the sacred lifeforce of the Transformers – is passed to Optimus Prime, who is subsequently lured into subterranean Cybertron. There, Megatron and Prime battle, and the Matrix casing is cracked, granting both an illuminating glimpse of the future. Determined now that the Decepticons must be stopped, at all costs, Prime vows to kill Megatron. Starscream, having assumed command of the Decepticons, activates a Mechaforming Substructure under the surface of Cybertron, which proceeds to devastate Iacon. Prime defeats Megatron, but leaves him alive, reining in the beast within. He vows to fight on, to regroup under Iacon.

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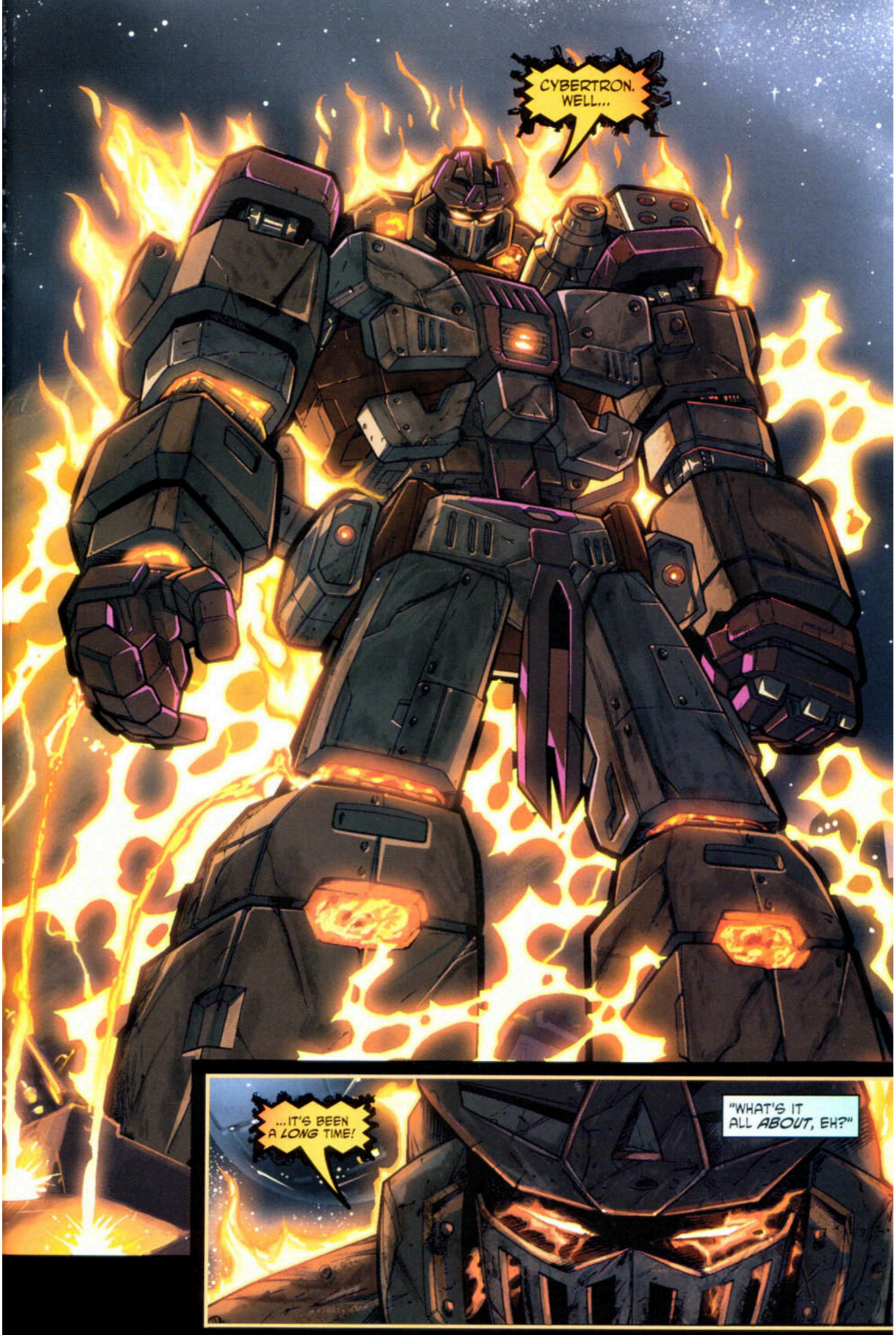

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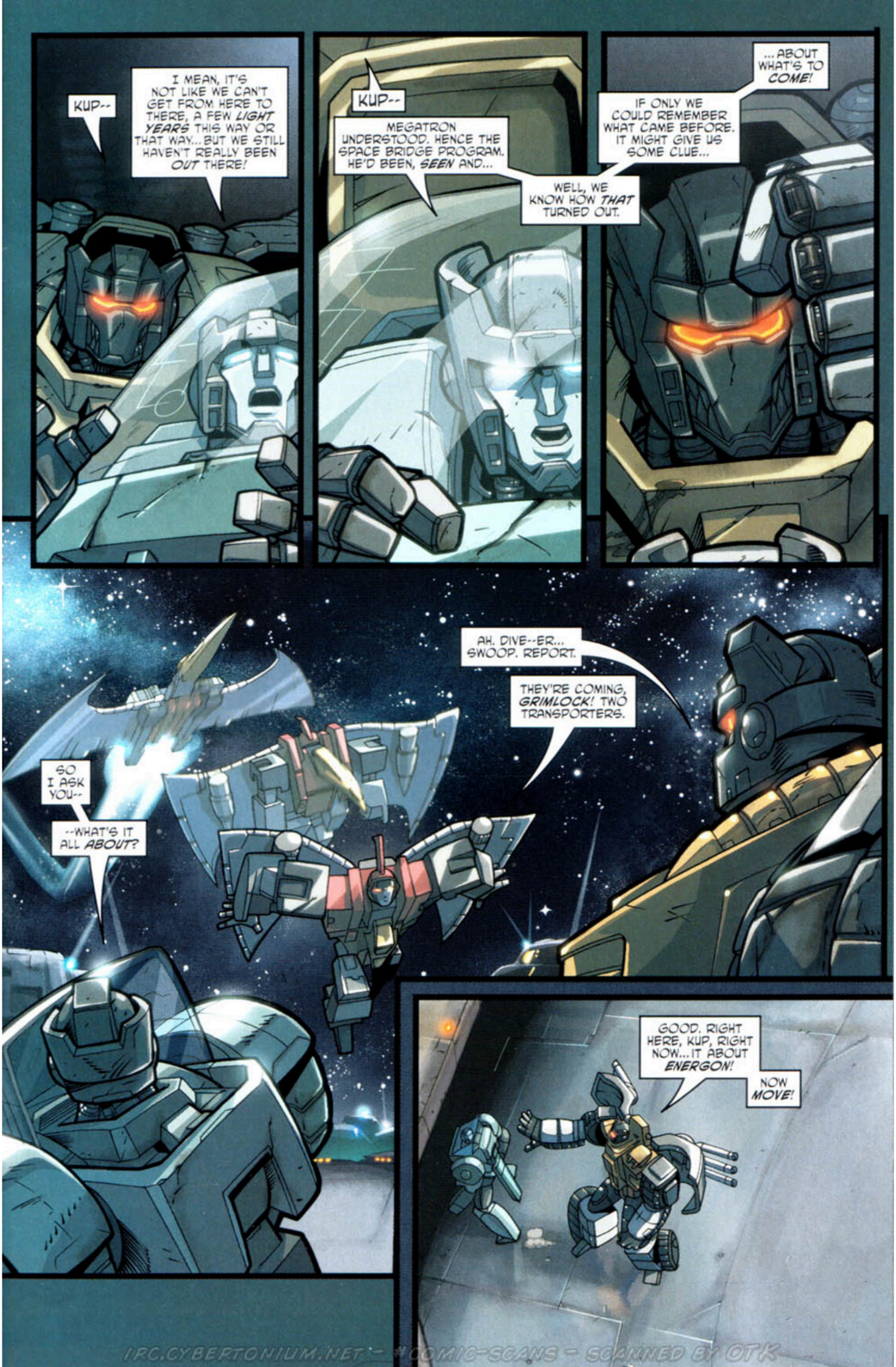

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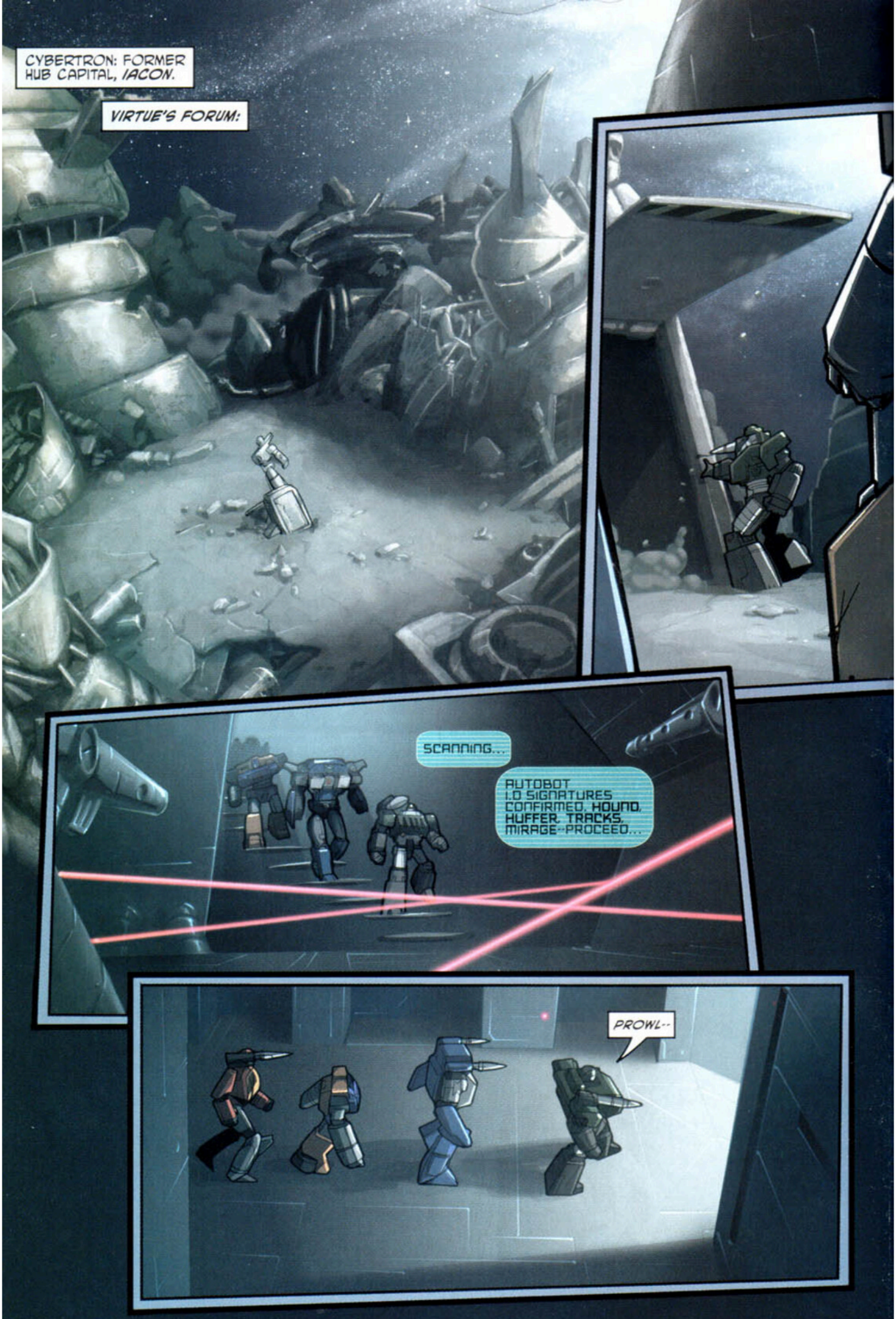

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THEN:

MOON ALPHA, SPACEPORT:

I MEAN, WHERE'S THIS GLORIOUS UNIVERSAL *DESTINY* AND BIRTHRIGHT THE *HIGH COUNCIL* USED TO HARP ON ABOUT?

WE WON'T FIND IT *HERE*, THAT'S FOR SURE.

KUP--

THING IS, IT'S BEEN *DRUMMED* INTO US--WE'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL, PART OF SOME GRAND *COSMIC* SCHEME--AND YET HERE WE ARE...

...STILL *STUCK* ON CYBERTRON, ENDLESSLY TEARING EACH OTHER APART OVER WHO OWNS *WHAT*, WHO CALLS THE SHOTS *WHERE*.

HOW *INSIGNIFICANT* AND *TRIVIAL* THIS MUST ALL SEEM, SET AGAINST THE VASTNESS OF OUTER SPACE. FROM *THAT* PERSPECTIVE, AS A RACE...

...WE'RE *STANDING STILL*.

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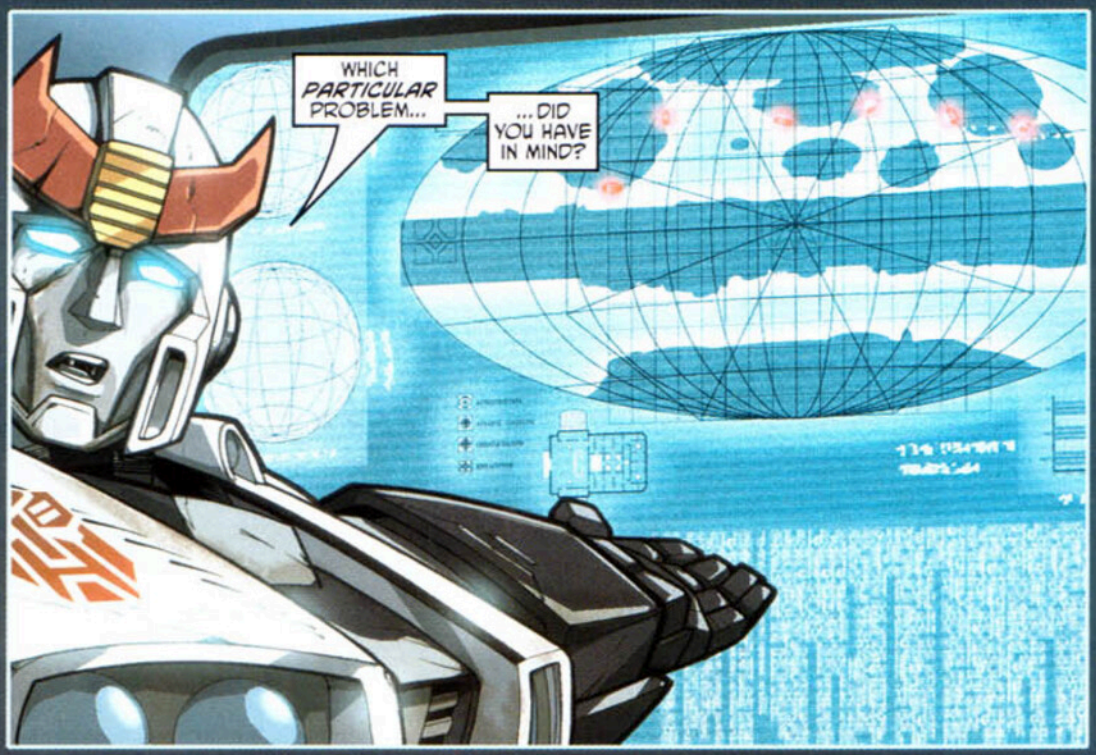

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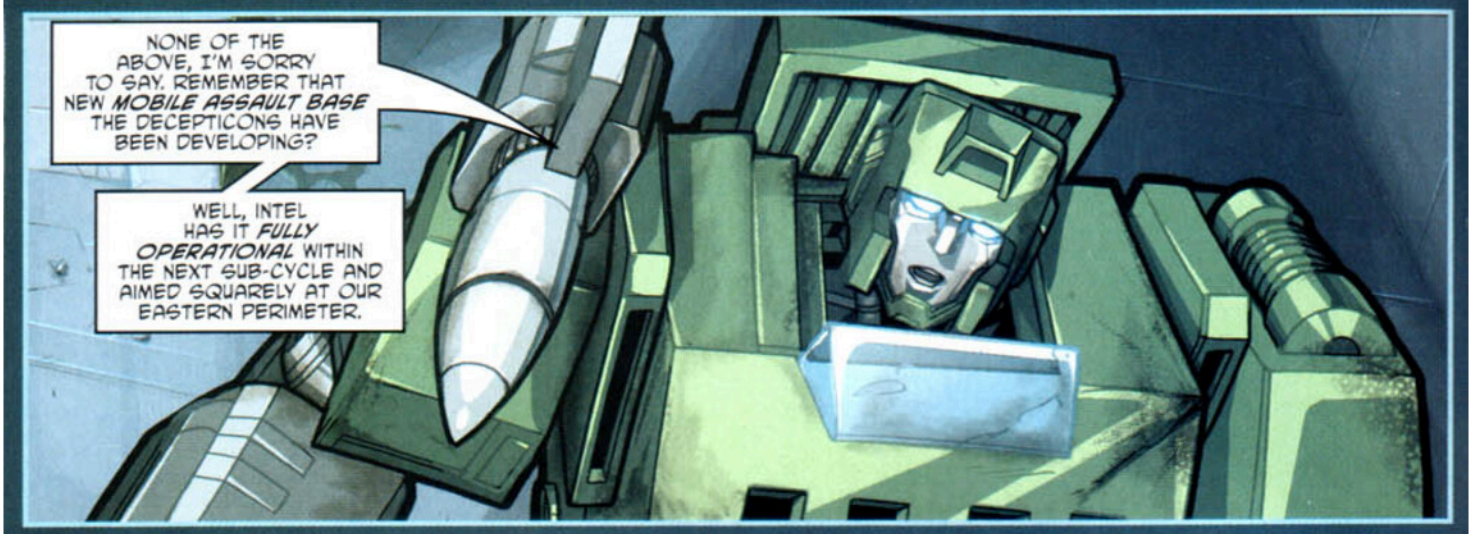

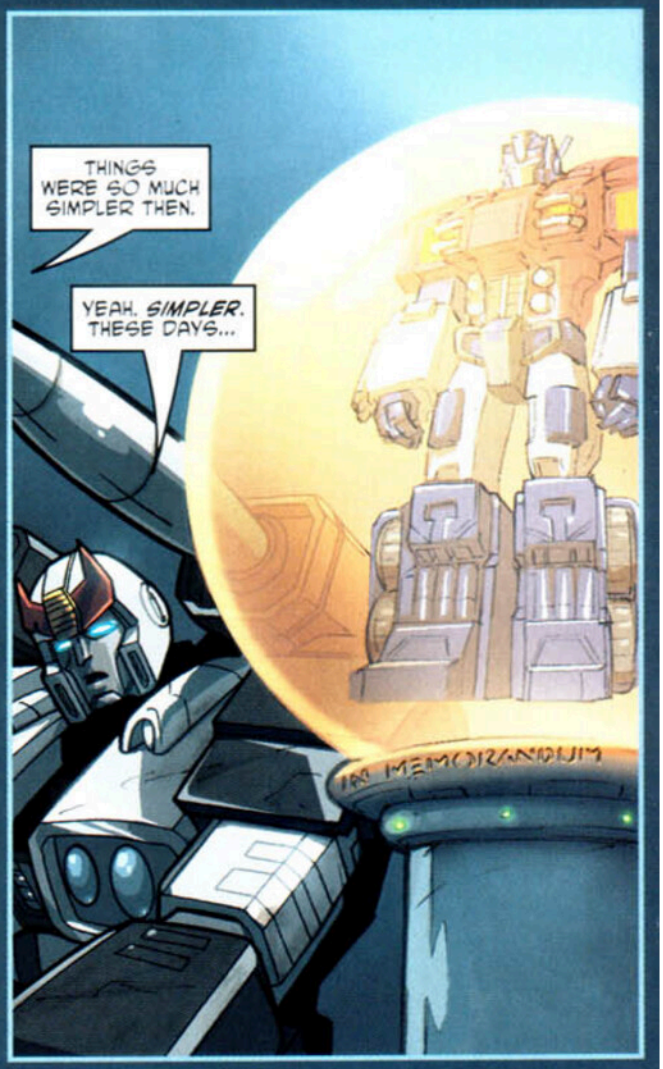

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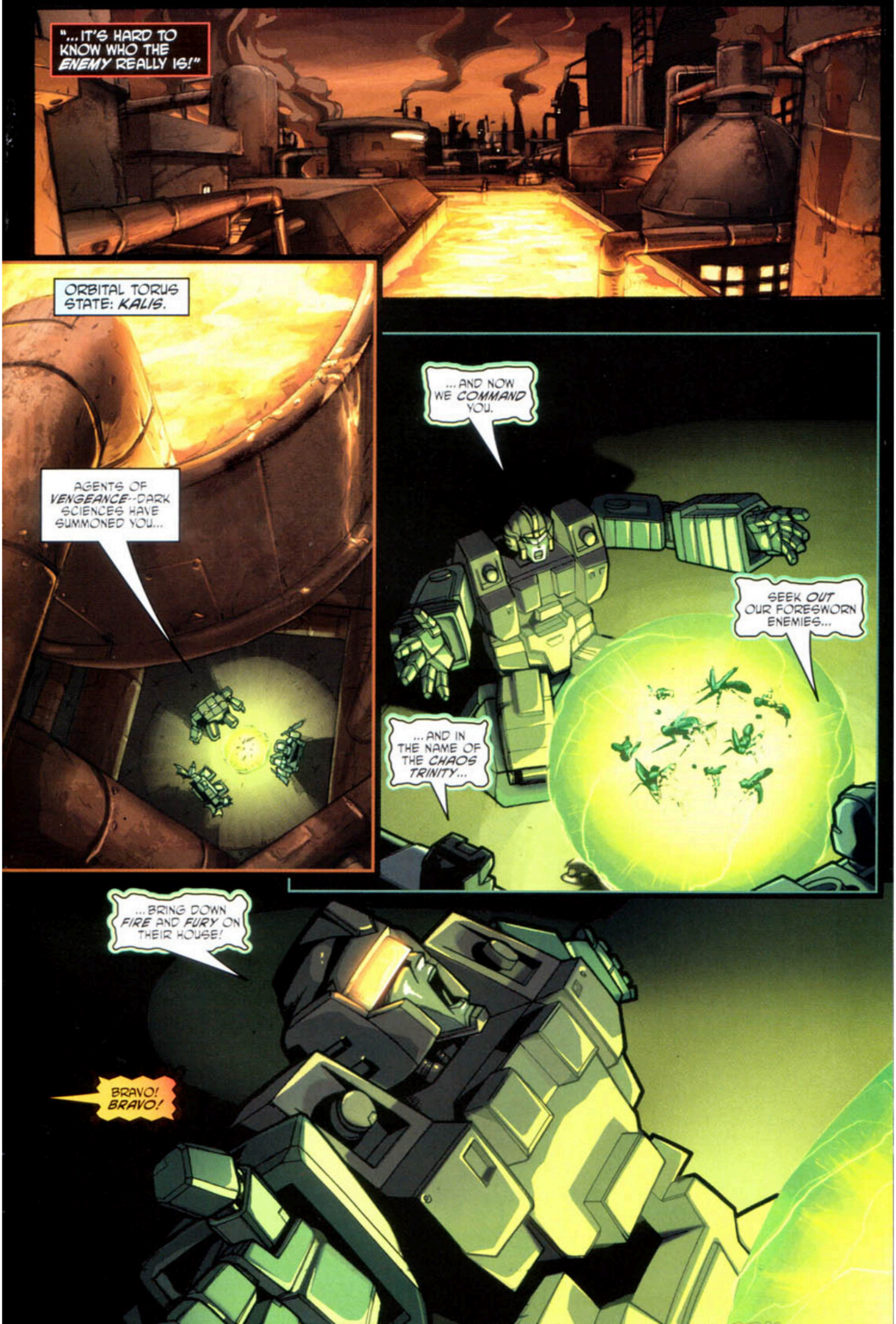

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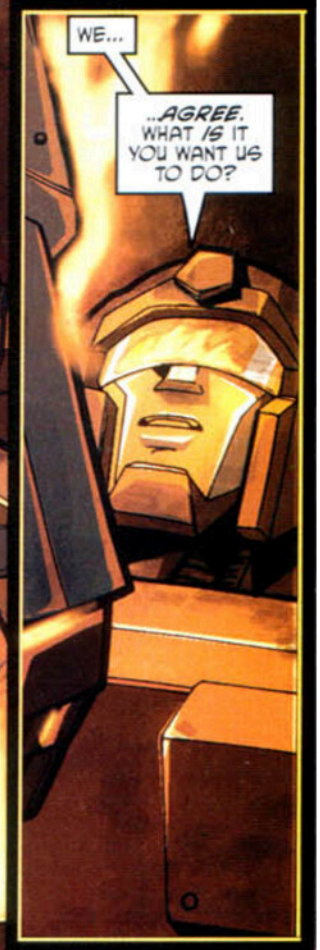

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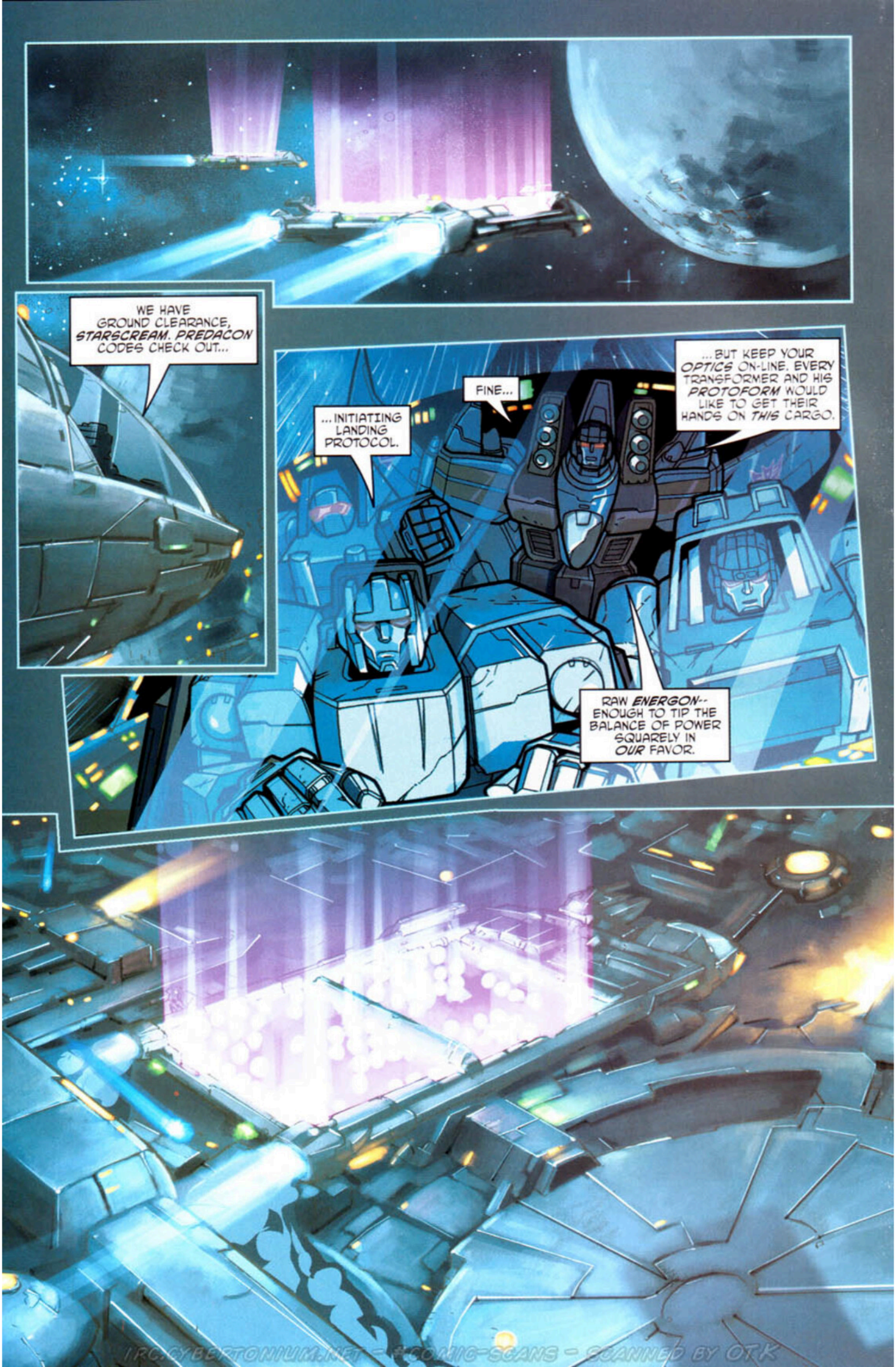

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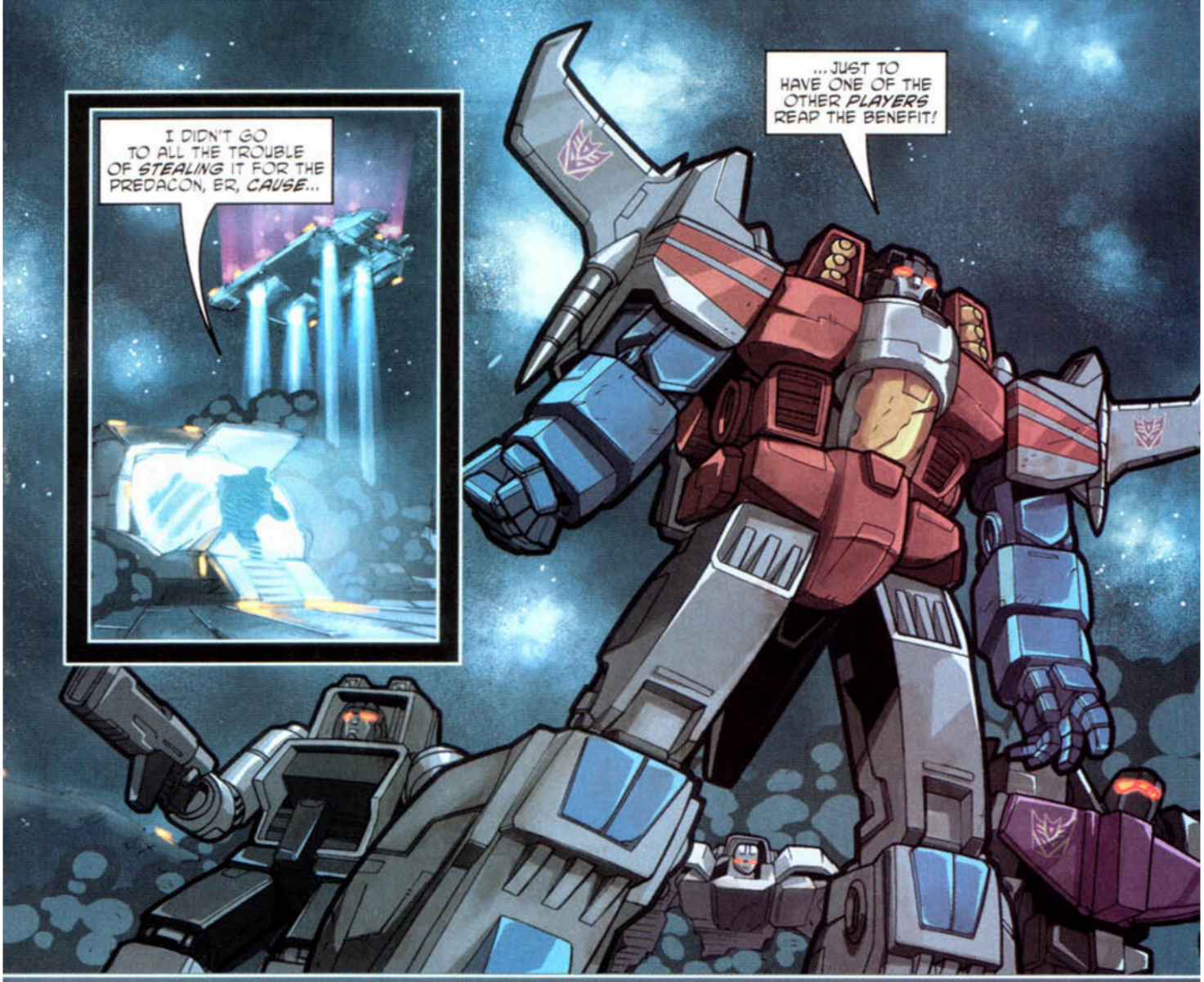

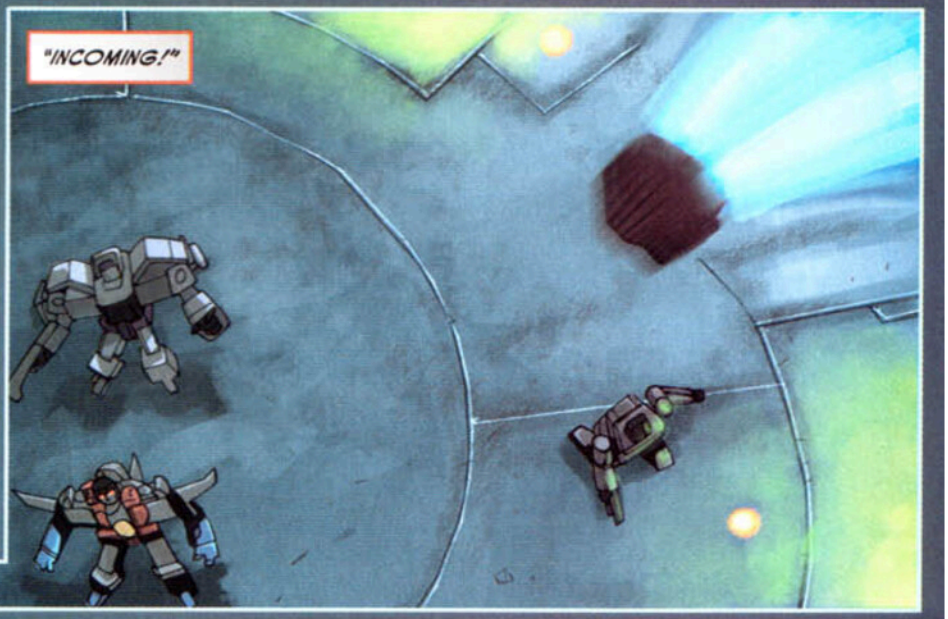

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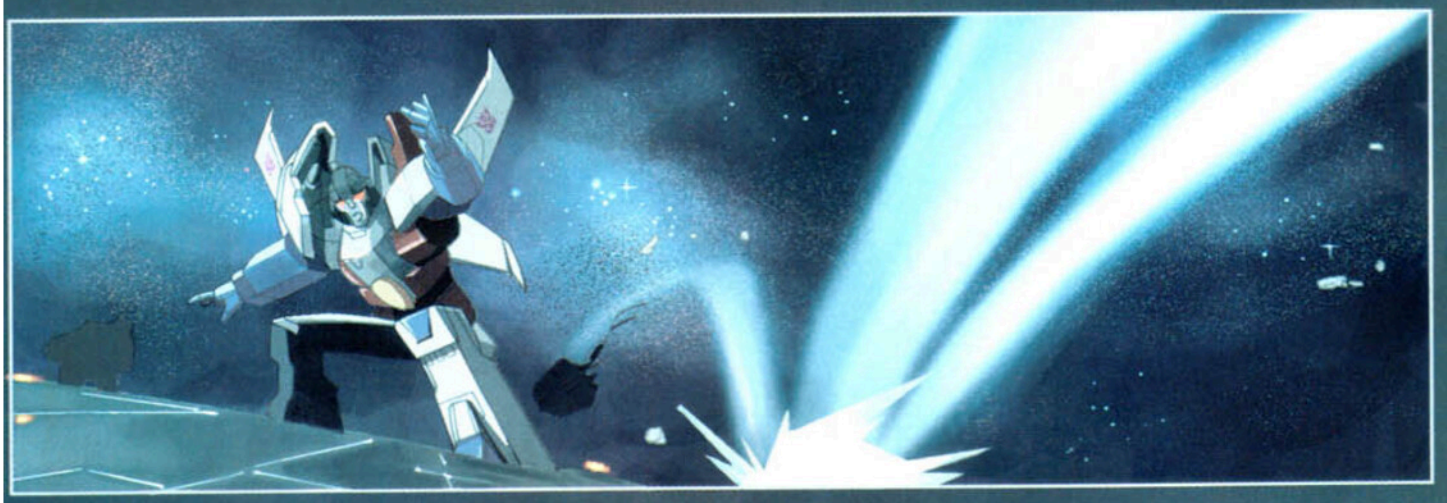

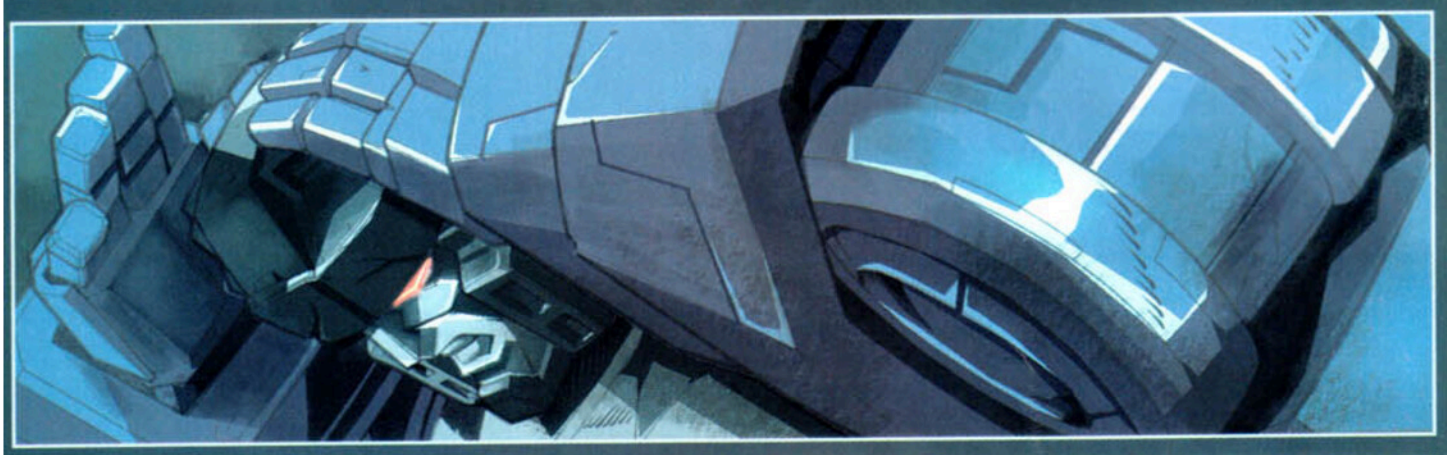

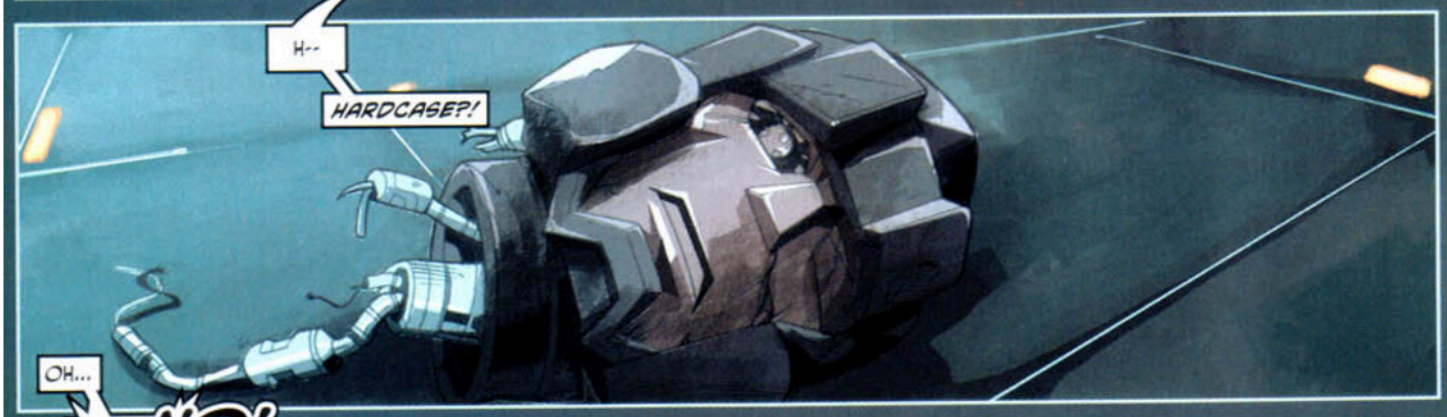

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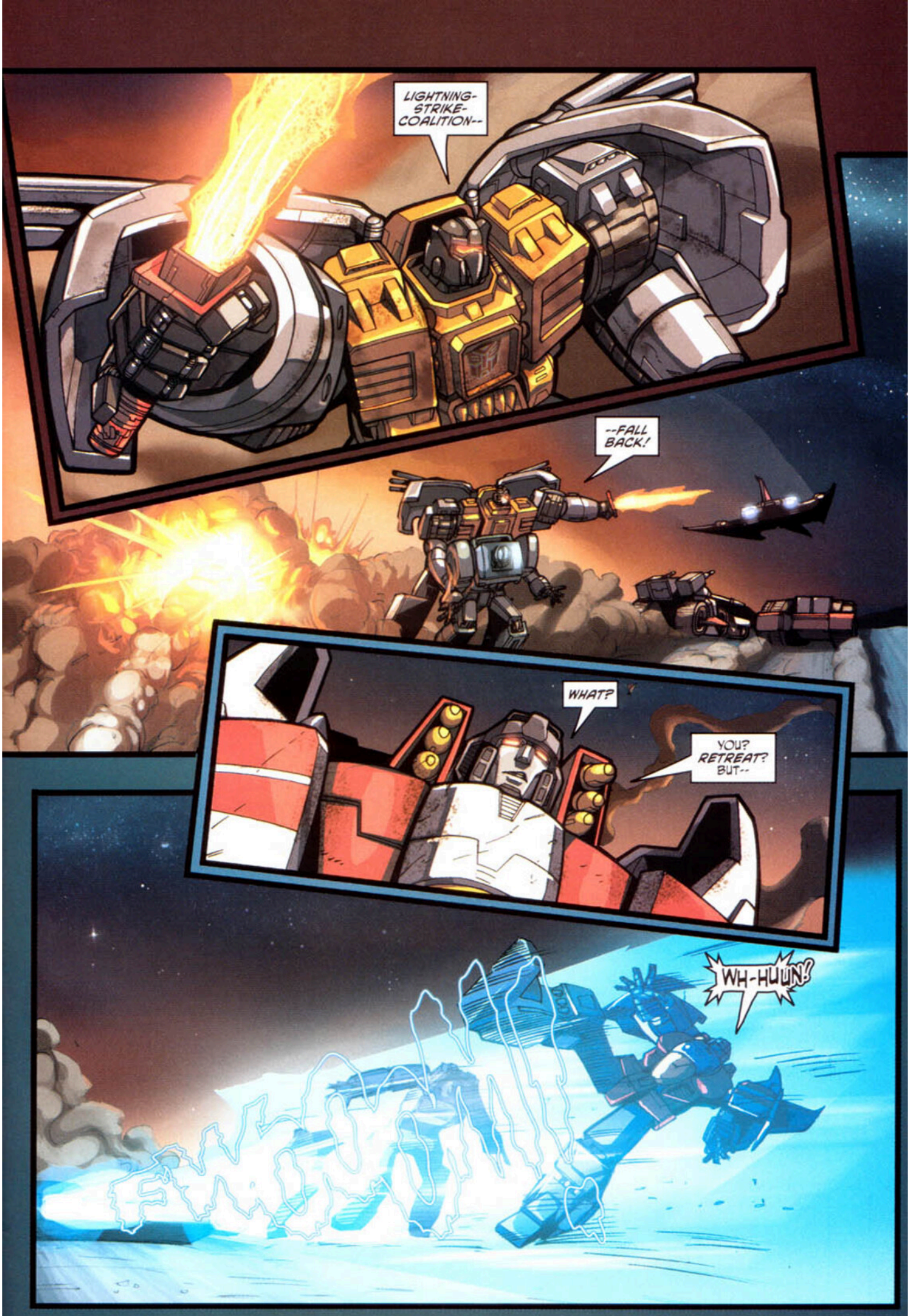

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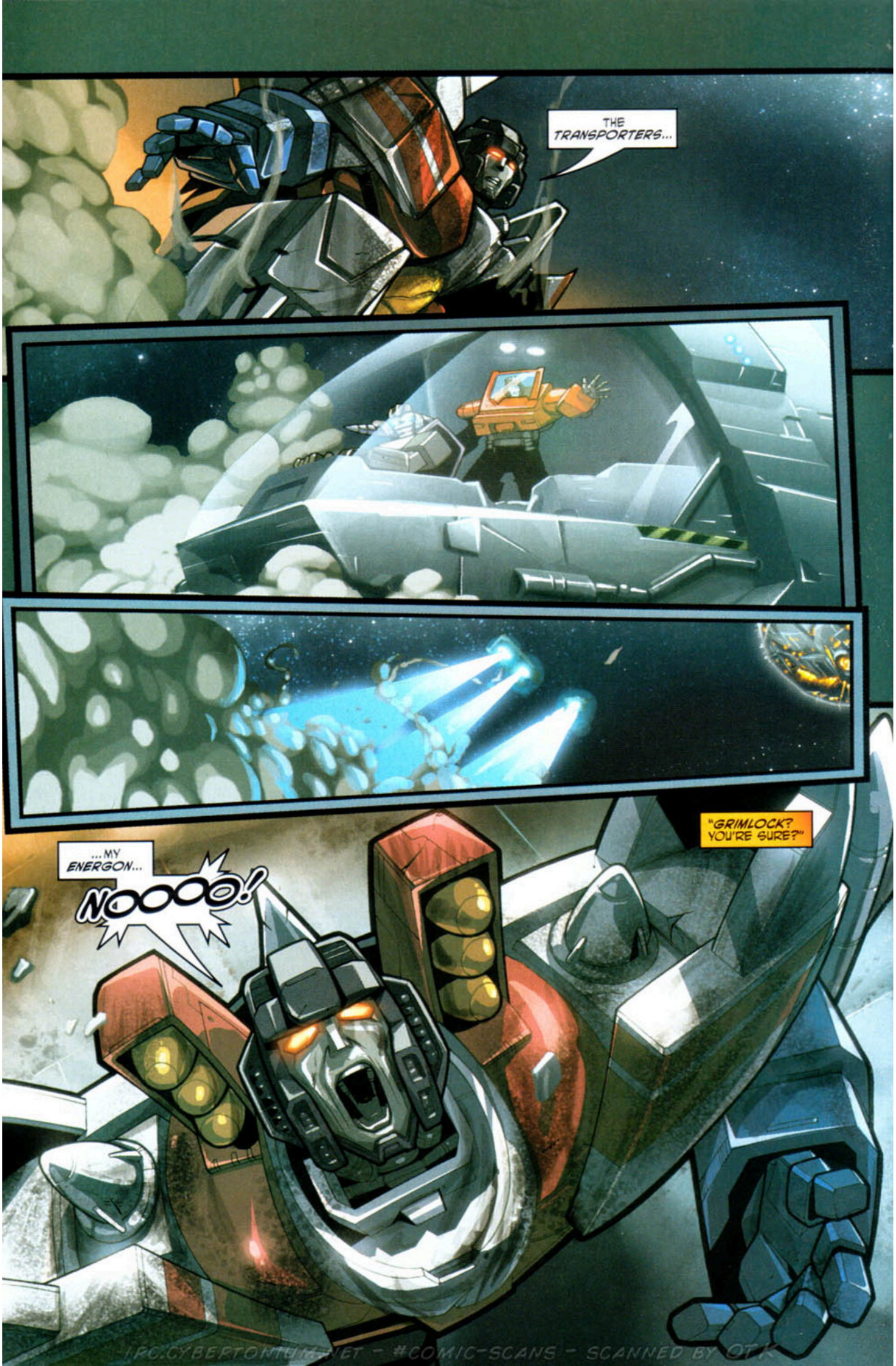

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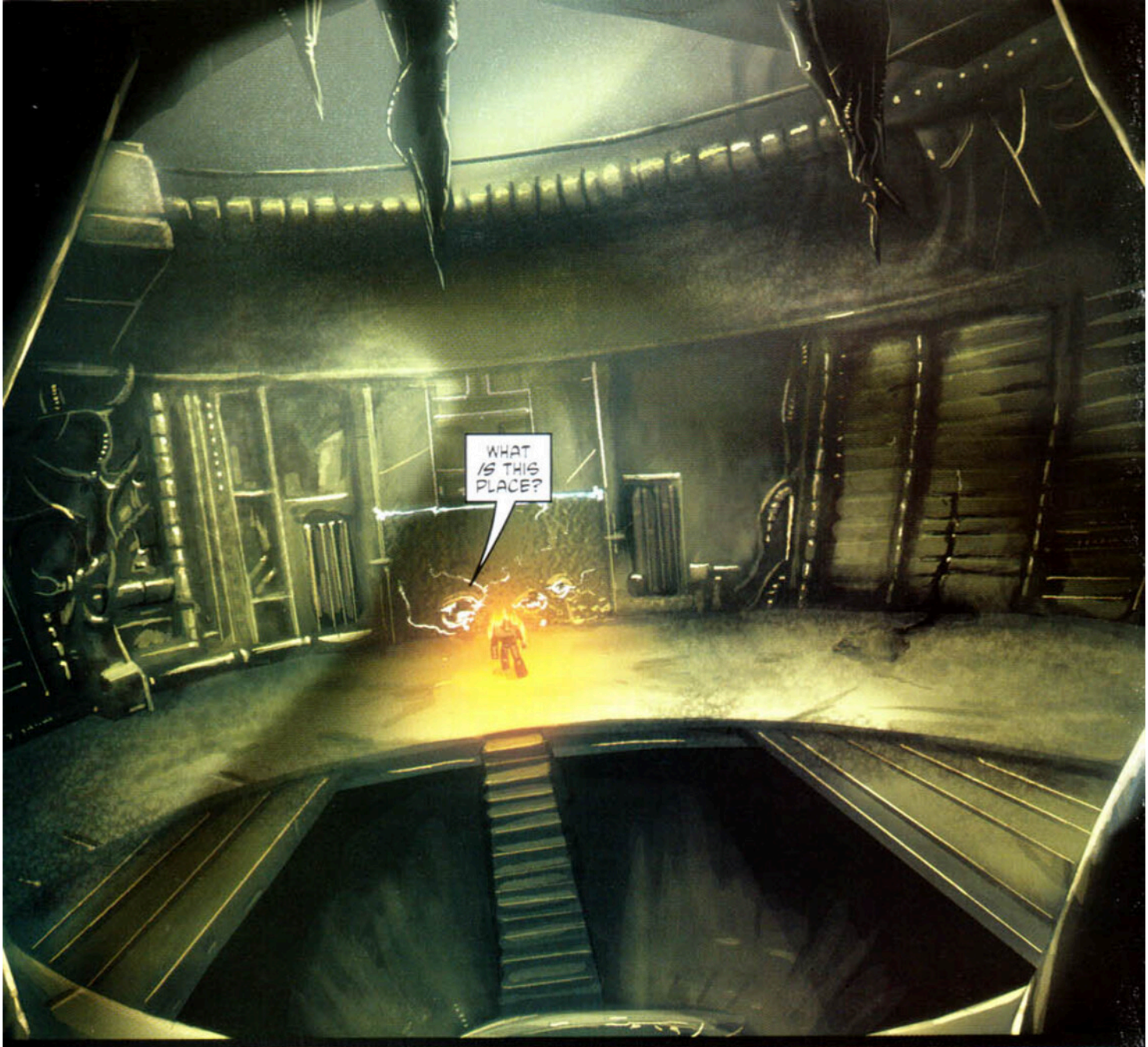

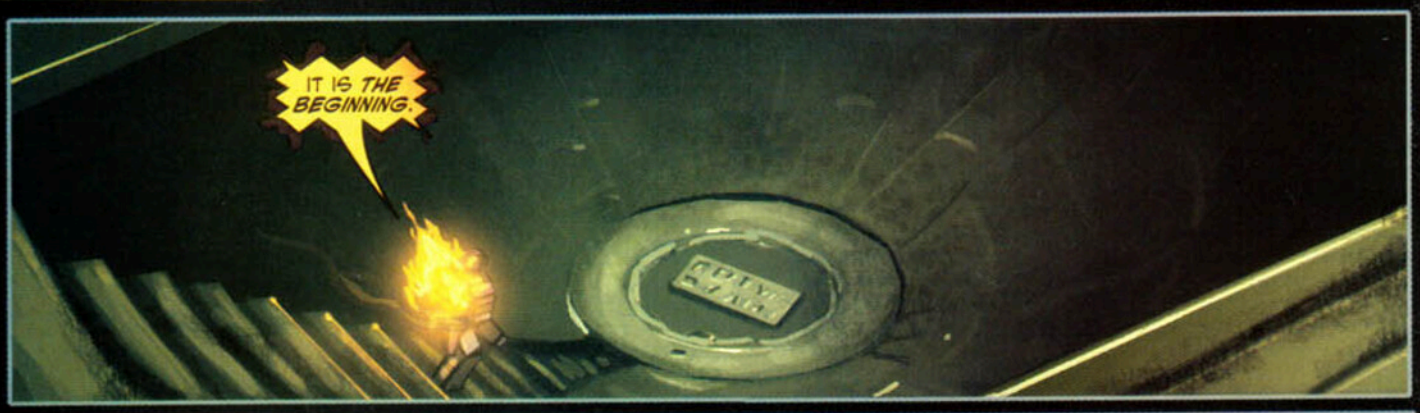

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FROM THE DESK OF... DON FIGUEROA

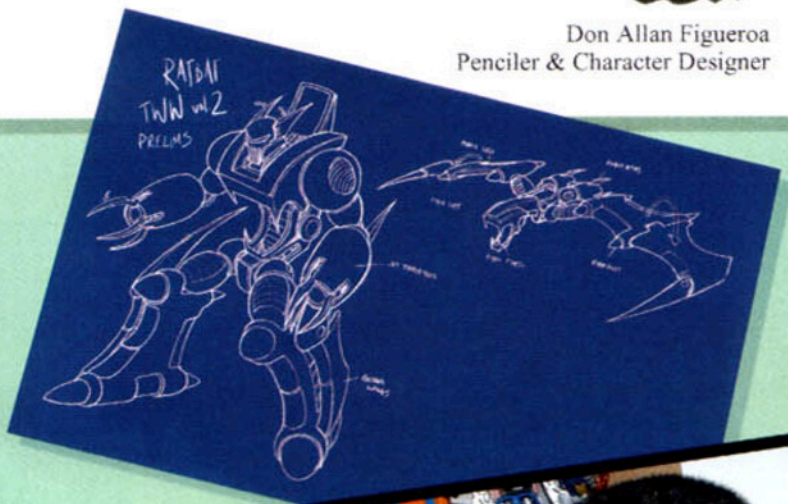
Okay, it's that time of the year again, convention season! And this year I'm stoked. "The War Within" is all done and I will get to finally talk to my fellow Transfans about it in person. I want to know what you guys liked and disliked about the series.

Since the series started, I've gotten tons of emails asking if there will be toys based on the 'new/retro' look. Personally, I'd love to see these on toy shelves, but it probably won't happen any time soon. The same goes for the World War 2 TF designs in the upcoming Transformers/G.I.Joe cross-over, but hey, you never know! Speaking of which, I can't wait to see what John Ney Rieber and Jae Lee have in store.

Right now I've got another exciting project ahead, Transformers Armada! I'm going to give Guido Guidi a much deserved break; he's had a fantastic run and it won't be an easy act to follow. And of course, I get to work with Simon Furman again! "Worlds Collide" man, can you believe it? G1 and Armada together! To quote good ol' J.R. "It's gonna be a slobber-knocker!".

After this gig, look for me to team-up for the first time with writer Brad Mick on an all-new TF series. Transfans have been asking for this one ever since Dreamwave first got their hands of the big bots... I can't wait to get started!

Don Allan Figueroa
Penciler & Character Designer



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DECLARATIONS OF WAR

Howdy Transfans!
Hope you enjoyed the first issue of the all-new War Within: "The Dark Ages". Now how would you like a chance to win a way-cool War Within prize pack? Dreamwave wants YOU to redesign you favorite Transformers character as they might have appeared in the War Within era, and then send in a drawing of your new design. You can choose a character who's already shown up in the series such as Grimlock or Starscream, or start from scratch by picking someone totally new like Hot Rod or Blurr. The artist with the most original character design will win a copy of the War Within Vol.1 TPB, copies of all 4 covers to War Within "The Dark Ages" #1, and more! Send your entries to either one of the addresses at the bottom of the page. All entries must be received by November 5, 2003. We'll announce the winner in a future letters column.

Here are some of your comments on the original War Within Vol.1 series, now available as a spiffy Trade Paperback:

Dear Dreamwave,
I just recently saw the Transformers: The War Within comic Volume One, and the pre-Earth forms of the Generation One Autobots and the Decepticons were, to put it mildly, WOW! There is one Transformer I'm just dying to see in his pre-Earth form, and that is Jetfire! You make even the 'geeky' Starscream and Bumblebee look fantastic, and I can only imagine what you did for Jetfire, everybody's favorite Autobot Air Guardian! Can you help me, or at least tell me what Transformers War Within comic issue Jetfire's going to be in, if at all? Please answer this e-mail as soon as possible! Thank you very much for your Time!

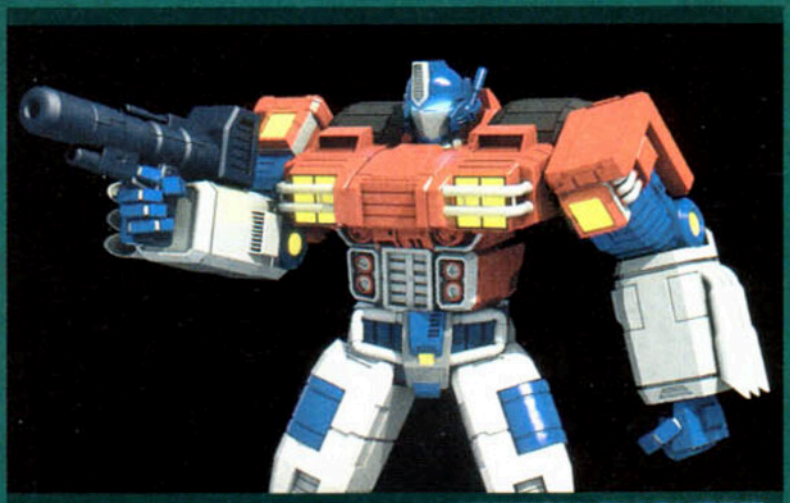
Eric C. Karau
Rochester, MN

Jetfire is definitely going to have a prominent role in War Within: "The Dark Ages". He hasn't popped up in the series yet, but he'll be showing up soon, we promise! Until then, you can get your Jetfire fix by picking up the Don Figueroa cover to this very issue (if you haven't already done so), featuring Don's redesigned Jetfire flying into battle.

Dear Dreamwave,
I'd just like to start out by saying, I loved the mini series. This e-mail is to inquire about, seeing if you at DW, can get a toy line for your TWW mini series. I loved how Optimus and all the others looked, and I was thinking how much as a collector of TF I'd love to own a Prime that looks so, unique.

Thank you kindly,
Kenneth Cantley

We'd all love to see the War Within crew in toy form! Quick War Within fact: Don Figueroa (DW's top TF character designer) makes sure that all his redesigned characters can ACTUALLY transform, and thus, the War Within designs would translate perfectly into toys. The final decision is up to Hasbro, makers of the Transformers toy line.



FAN ART BY JEFFRY ENGLERT

Hello,
My name is Jeffry Englert, and I am an avid fan of all of your Transformers series. One comic series stands above all though is The War Within. The combination of Don Figueroa's superb designs coupled with Simon Furman's phenomenal talent as a writer has inspired me to create many pieces of fan art.
I love the amazing attention to detail that each character is given in the book, both in the design of the Transformers, and in the fantastic storytelling.
I am attaching a 3D rendered image of TWW Optimus Prime model I created.

Thanks for your time.
Jeff Englert

Great job Jeffry! We loved your 3D rendering so much we decided to show it of to the rest of Transformers-fandom.

Come back next month Transfans, for more of the biggest, baddest bots on the block. 'Til all are one!

Matt!

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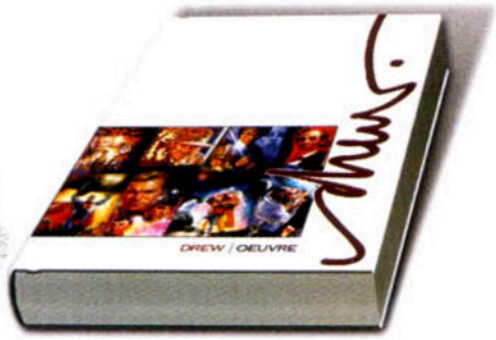

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